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*Measures to prevent spread of plague—Preventive inoculation—
Destruction of rodents.*

The American minister at Caracas reports, May 31, through the Department of State:

A decree of the municipality forbids any person to leave the federal district without being provided with a certificate of having been injected with Haffkine lymph. The minister for foreign affairs states that a decree is to be issued forbidding any travel in tramways or coaches without such certificate. Rats and mice are being purchased and many of these rodents have been burned. A force of over 100 men who have been injected with Haffkine lymph are at work cleaning the gullies that cross the city. Plague patients are immediately isolated and premises disinfected. The construction of the houses and other conditions make the question of sanitation in Caracas a very difficult one. Rats have been breeding for hundreds of years in the old houses. The people here have had no experience with the disease and measures against it are likely to be neglected if there is the slightest sign of an abatement.

A very general inoculation with Haffkine lymph is being conducted, and up to May 31 2,500 persons were officially reported as having been inoculated.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND
CITIES—UNTABULATED.

BRAZIL—Para.—Month of August, 1908. Estimated population, 195,000. Total number of deaths 246, including yellow fever 10, and 38 from tuberculosis.

Month of September, 1908. Total number of deaths, 259, including yellow fever 11, and 36 from tuberculosis.

Month of October, 1908. Total number of deaths, 274, including smallpox 1, diphtheria 1, yellow fever 8, bubonic plague 1, and 31 from tuberculosis.

Rio de Janeiro.—Month of January, 1909. Estimated population, 827,669. Total number of deaths, 1,278, including enteric fever 4, smallpox 111, measles 9, whooping cough 3, diphtheria 3, plague 4, leprosy 1, beriberi 9, and 274 from tuberculosis.

Sao Paulo, Santos, and Campinas.—Three weeks ended May 2, 1909. Estimated population 300,000. Total number of deaths, 547, including whooping cough 4, diphtheria 3, enteric fever 6, smallpox 6, measles 3, and 34 from tuberculosis.

BRITISH WEST INDIES—Trinidad—Port of Spain.—Period from March 13 to May 22, 1909. Estimated population 60,000. Total number of deaths, 341, including enteric fever 7, yellow fever 1, and 29 from tuberculosis.

CANADA—British Columbia—Vancouver.—Month of May, 1909. Estimated population 66,500. Total number of deaths, 60, including whooping cough 3, enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 4, diphtheria 1, and 4